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H.R. No. 158

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Henderson County lost an esteemed civic
2 leader with the passing of former county judge Richard Sanders of
3 Athens on January 6, 2020, at the age of 63; and

4 WHEREAS, Born to Joe and Lou Ella Sanders on July 17, 1956, in
5 Groom, Richard Sanders grew up with the companionship of eight
6 siblings, Mary Lou, Betty Jo, Raymond, Jo Nell, Janey, Allen,
7 Tammie, and Katherine; he was an accomplished athlete, and during
8 high school, he earned all-state honors in football; he went on to
9 play for Angelo State University and then for Southeastern Oklahoma
10 State University, where he was recognized as an all-conference
11 defensive tackle; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Sanders began his career as a real estate
13 developer, and he later became regional director for the Fifth
14 Congressional District of Texas; in 2010, he was elected as
15 Henderson County judge, and he ably served on the bench until his
16 retirement in 2018; and

17 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Sanders was blessed with
18 the love and support of his wife, Kathy, with whom he shared a
19 rewarding union that spanned nearly four decades; he was the proud
20 father of two daughters, Amanda and Allison, and with the passing
21 years, his family grew to include three grandchildren, Benjamin,
22 Jaxon, and Ellie; in his leisure hours, he enjoyed fishing,
23 watching sports, and pursuing his interest in classic cars, but
24 above all, he treasured time spent with his loved ones and friends

1 at Broken Bow Lake; and

2 WHEREAS, Richard Sanders lived a rich and purposeful life
3 centered on his family and his community, and he will long be
4 remembered with great admiration and affection by all those who
5 were fortunate enough to know him; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of the Honorable
8 Richard Sanders and extend sincere condolences to his relatives and
9 friends; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Richard
13 Sanders.